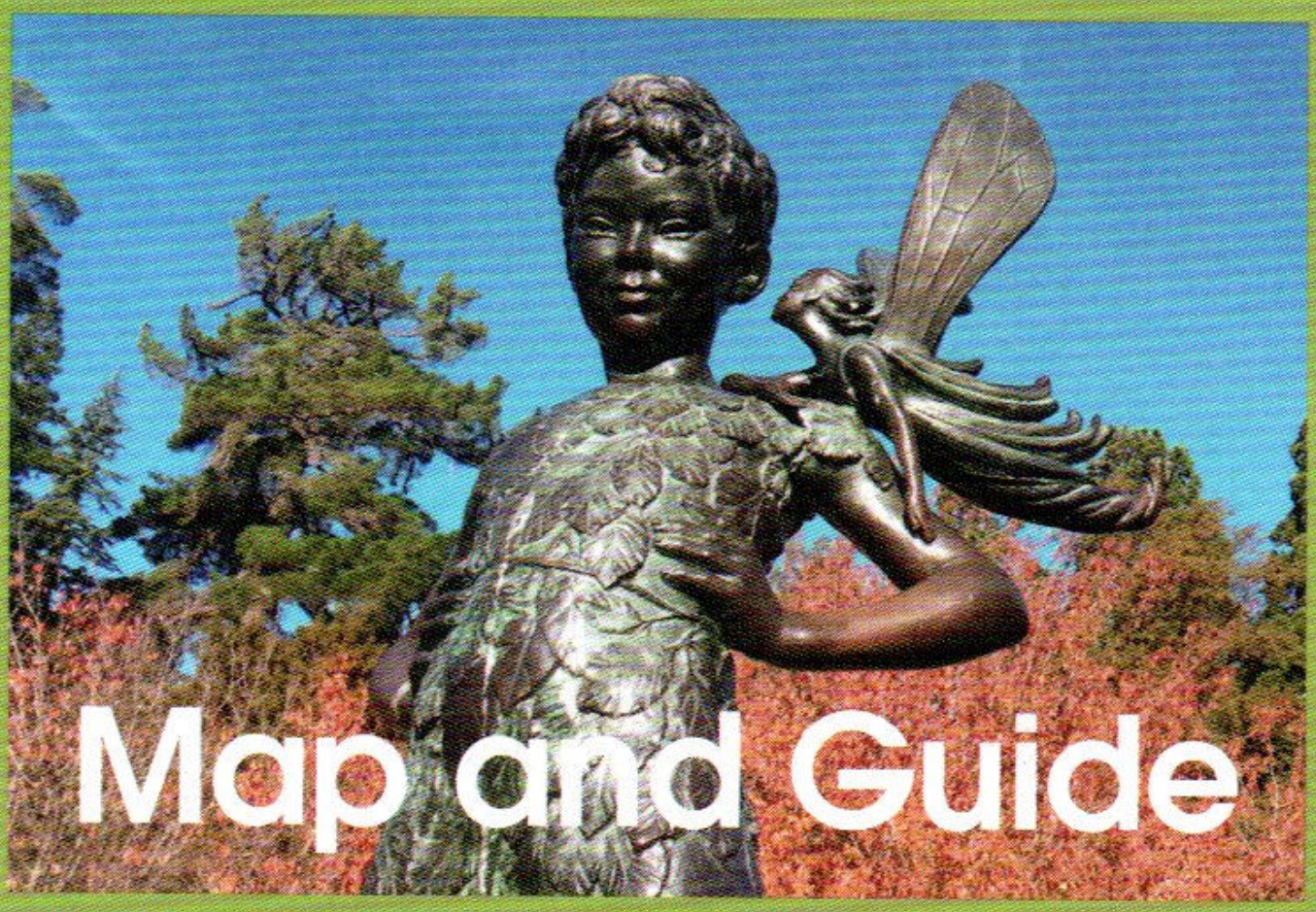
DUNEDIN BOTANIC GARDEN



Map and Guide

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DUNEDIN NEW ZEALAND BOTANIC GARDEN

Dunedin Botanic Garden Routes ▶

Wander through the flat lower garden with its formal gardens and lawns. Follow the hill paths to explore the more secluded nooks and crannies of the upper garden, or visit the busy aviary. It takes about 15 minutes direct walk up the hill to the upper garden.

See iconic features in 15 minutes

Close to the information centre you can choose from a playground or glasshouse, herb garden or duck pond, amongst other features.

Sample plant collections in 20 minutes

The flat lower garden is fully accessible.

Travel around the world in one hilly hour

See parrots from Australia and New Zealand in the aviary. The Geographic Plant Collection and arboretum display wild plant species from every continent except Antarctica. This circuit includes an unmarked route through the grassy arboretum, a woodchip track through the bush of Fern Gully and seats with views.

New Zealand return in one hilly hour

As you travel the slope you'll visit two flat spots – the Mediterranean Garden and the Cedars of Lebanon Grove. Skim the edge of the Rhododendron Dell, then see the unique plants that evolved in New Zealand.

Cultivated beds and wild woodland in one hilly hour

The Rhododendron Dell sits on the toe of a hill. In spring it's ablaze with beautiful blooms but you can enjoy this woodland garden in a naturalistic New Zealand bush setting at any time.

Mediterranean Garden

Rose Garden

Arboretum

Bandstand

Winter Garden Glasshouse

Playground

Herb Garden

Geographic Collection

Drinking Fountain

Rhododendron Dell

Café

Lovelock Bush

Feeding the Ducks

Rock Garden

Entrance via Gt King Street/Opoho Road

Protea

Herbaceous Borders

Knot Garden

Accessibility of Tracks ▶

Views from the hills are part of the Dunedin Botanic Garden's charm but a surprising number of areas are accessible.

Track surfaces range from asphalt to packed gravel, loose gravel and woodchip. Gradient and camber also vary. The track ratings are an average only. When choosing a route, use your own judgement.

Guide dogs are the only dogs allowed in the garden. Toilets and carparks are accessible as is the inside of the winter garden glasshouse.

You can catch an 'Opoho' bus up the hill, from the corner of Opoho Road and Great King Street.

Track Accessibility Key

- Easy: Flat, good surface.
- Medium: Sloped, rough, uneven surface
- Hard: Steep, steps, loose surface

Key

- Duck Feeding Area
- Bandstand
- Entrances
- Bus Stop
- Information centre
- Café
- Car Park
- Playground
- Drinking Fountain
- Toilets
- Forest
- Cultivated

0 50 100 150m
Approximately five minutes' walk

Lovelock Avenue
Arboretum
Geographic Collection
New Zealand Native Plant Collection
Plant Propagation and Nursery Facility (Not Public)
Opoho Road
Opoho Loop
Arden Street
Fern Gully
Daffodil Lawn
Lovelock Bush
Aviary
Administration Building
Cedars of Lebanon Grove
Rhododendron Dell
Southern African Garden
Knox Street
Conifer Cultivars
Pergola
Rock Garden
upper garden
Knot Garden
Mediterranean Garden Terrace
Lindsay Creek
Hillside Bush
Herbaceous Borders
Otaru Teien
The Point: Lookout
Winter Garden Glasshouse
Water of the Leith
Camellia Collection
Leith Street
Clive Lister Garden
Great King Street North
Bank Street
Brook Street
Water Garden
Theme Borders
Herb Garden
Castle Street
Rose Garden
lower garden
Dundas Street

How to Read a Plant Label

Family Name: Fabaceae
Botanical Name: *Clianthus puniceus*
Natural Geographic Range: North Island
Common Name: kaka beak

Seasonal Attractions

Summer–Herbaceous borders, Rose Garden, Rock Garden, Herb Garden, Geographic Collection

Autumn–Deciduous trees, Arboretum, Azalea Garden

Winter–Australian plants, Winter Garden Glasshouse, Native Collection

Spring–Flowering cherry trees, spring bulbs, Rhododendron Dell, Camellias

General Information

The garden is open from dawn to dusk every day of the year and admission is free.

Hours

Winter Garden Glasshouse	10.00am – 4.00pm
Alpine House / Toilets	9.00am – 4.00pm
Information centre	10.00am – 4.00pm
Cafe	9.30am – 4.30pm

The garden is a pedestrian area. The use of bicycles, scooters and skateboards is not allowed and the use of all private vehicles is prohibited except by special permission.

Domestic animals, including dogs, are not permitted. Guide dogs are the exception.

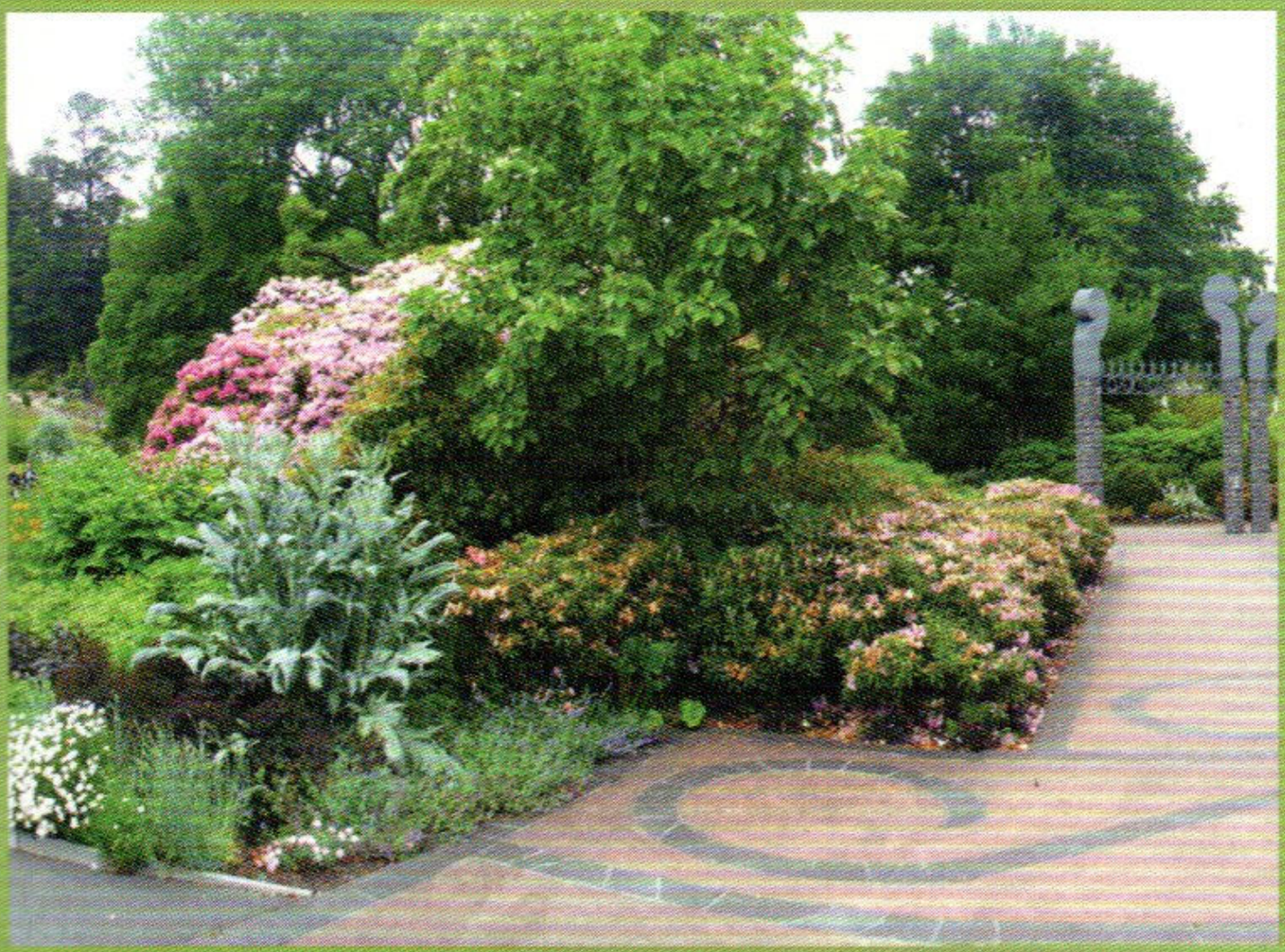
Please keep to the paved area of the main pond or jetty when feeding ducks.

Garden Statistics

Summer temperature: 18.6°C average

Winter temperature: 10.4°C average

Annual rainfall: 926mm average

Area: 30.4 hectares

Altitude: 25m–85m above sea level